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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

Reference is made to commonly-assigned copending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. ~~XX/XXX,XXX-10/849,686~~, (~~Attorney Docket No. A2569-US-NP~~), filed concurrently herewith, now U.S. Publication No. 2005/0258962, entitled "Control of Programmable Modules," by Heiko Rommelmann et al., copending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. ~~XX/XXX,XXX-10/849,976~~, (~~Attorney Docket No. A2569Q-US-NP~~), filed concurrently herewith, now U.S. Publication No. 2005/0258932, entitled "Control of Programmable Modules," by Heiko Rommelmann et al., copending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. ~~XX/XXX,XXX~~ (~~Attorney Docket No. A3074-US-NP~~), 10/850,190, filed concurrently herewith, now U.S. Publication No. 2005/0258963, entitled "Diagnosis of Programmable Modules," by Heiko Rommelmann et al., and copending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. ~~XX/XXX,XXX~~ (~~Attorney Docket No. A2132Q-US-NP~~), 10/849,974, filed concurrently herewith, now U.S. Publication No. 2005/0258228, entitled "Control of Programmable Modules," by Heiko Rommelmann et al., the disclosures of which are incorporated herein.

Please substitute paragraph [0025] with the following amended paragraph:

Referring next to Figures 5 and 6, the tag can be programmed by writing information into the tag memory after the module has been enclosed in the container and the tag securely affixed to the container. As shown in

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Figure 5, with the module in the container, and the tag affixed to the container, a hand held tag writer 50 is brought into proximity with the tag on the container. The tag writer includes writer electronics 52 and a writer communication element 54, such as an RF antenna, that transmits a signal, which is received by the RF antenna 46 of the tag. The signal from the tag writer contains information of a predetermined type, which information is thereby received by the tag, and stored in the tag memory 44. An exemplary handheld tag writer is described more fully in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/849,686~~xx/xxx,xxx~~, entitled "Portable Analytical Device for Programmable Tags," filed concurrently herewith by Heiko Rommelmann et al., ~~(Attorney Docket No. A2569-US-NP)~~, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.